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**SECRETARY: MICHAEL CHERTOFF**



On February 15, 2005, Judge Michael Chertoff was sworn in as the second Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security. Chertoff formerly served as United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit Court of Appeals.

Secretary Chertoff was previously confirmed by the Senate to serve in the Bush Administration as Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division at the Department of Justice. As Assistant Attorney General, he helped trace the 9/11 terrorist attacks to the al-Qaida network, and worked to increase information sharing within the FBI and with state and local officials.

Before joining the Bush Administration, Chertoff was a Partner in the law firm of Latham & Watkins. From 1994 to 1996, he served as Special Counsel for the U.S. Senate Whitewater Committee.

Prior to that, Chertoff spent more than a decade as a federal prosecutor, including service as U.S. Attorney for the District of New Jersey, First Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of New Jersey, and Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York. As United States Attorney, Chertoff investigated and prosecuted several significant cases of political corruption, organized crime, and corporate fraud.

Chertoff graduated magna cum laude from Harvard College in 1975 and magna cum laude from Harvard Law School in 1978. From 1979-1980 he served as a clerk to Supreme Court Justice William Brennan, Jr.

Secretary Chertoff is married to Meryl Justin and has two children

**FROM THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S DESK**  
**BY GARY ZULINSKI**

Just when you think we're done with the snow, March comes in like a pack of lions! Well at least we can hope for that early spring when the April storm season washes all the road salt away.

CERT Train the Trainer class finished up on February 25 and 54 attended. It was a very good mix of professions and the enthusiasm for the program is really starting to take off. I am getting calls everyday from communities wanting information on the program. One participant from the Palace of Auburn Hills stated the following about CERT. "I train the staff on the same topics covered in the CERT curriculum but in individual blocks. CERT brings it all together in one easy curriculum" I think that says it all! Watch for the next Train the Trainer workshop June 2,3 at the CREST Center, Oakland CC.

Many have been requesting information on the next round of grants. I am working with MSP/EMD to coordinate the Citizen Corps funding with 2005 Homeland Security funding. 2005 Grant Guidelines stresses Public Awareness and Citizen Participation as key component to have a fully prepared community. MSP/EMD is working on a new approach for granting purposes, which will be a mandate for the 2006. I expect the announcement to be out by the 1<sup>st</sup> of April.

We have talked of holding a statewide Citizen Corps conference since I came on board. Since Michigan Citizen Corps has been centered on Emergency Management I just worked it out with MSP/EMD to open the Summit to Citizen Corps council point of contact and CERT points of contact. I am lining up speakers for 6 hours of break out sessions. If this is well received it will be expanded. Dates for this years Summit is October 11-14 in Traverse City. Watch for the announcement here and on the MSP/EMD website.

***What counts is not necessarily the size of the dog in a fight - it's the size of the fight in the dog.***

- Dwight D. Eisenhower 1958

## **CITIZEN CORPS PARTNERS WITH PUBLIC TELEVISION**

Washington, DC – The Department of Homeland Security's Citizen Corps today announced its affiliate partnership with the Association of Public Television Stations (APTS). Citizen Corps and APTS will work through the State, county, local and tribal Citizen Corps Councils and local public television stations to engage citizens in making their communities safer and better prepared for emergencies of all kinds.

"The alliance between Citizen Corps and APTS will generate public awareness of the citizen's role in hometown security and how every individual can prepare, train, and volunteer to help ensure their family, neighborhoods, and communities are safer and better prepared," said Matt Mayer, Acting Executive Director of the Office of State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness.

The partnership was announced today during the APTS Capitol Hill Day 2005 event, as APTS celebrates its 25th anniversary of advancing the interests of public television stations. During the event, APTS also addressed how public television stations will develop a digitally based alert and warning system and how digital capabilities can be used to better communicate with the American public during a national crisis.

"APTS will facilitate coordination between member stations and Citizen Corps Councils at the local level to help raise awareness of Citizen Corps programs and activities through television programming, public events, and community outreach," said John Lawson, president and CEO of APTS.

Citizen Corps is the Department's nationwide grass-roots movement to actively involve citizens in making our communities and our nation more resilient from all hazards and threats. Sixty-four percent of the U.S. population is now served by more than 1,500 state or local Citizen Corps Councils, which coordinate the program's homeland security activities. For more information about Citizen Corps, visit [www.citizencorps.gov](http://www.citizencorps.gov).

APTS is a nonprofit membership organization that supports the continued growth and development of a strong and financially sound noncommercial television service for the American public. APTS provides advocacy for public television interests at the national level, as well as consistent leadership and information in marshaling support for its members. To learn more about the Association of Public Television Stations, please visit [www.pts.org](http://www.pts.org).

## **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH: NEW TOOLS OF THE TRADE**

For over thirty years the National Sheriffs' Association's Neighborhood Watch-USAonWatch program has built partnerships between law enforcement and community members to reduce crime and improve the quality of life in their communities. Today with its continued emphasis on crime reduction Neighborhood Watch has expanded its mission to include securing the homeland by encouraging, promoting and empowering people, to get involved in their communities, through Neighborhood Watch-USAonWatch and Citizen Corps.

In an effort to enhance current Neighborhood Watch-USAonWatch activities, provide formal training for officers, Block Captains and community volunteers the Community Safety Institute working in cooperation with the National Sheriffs' Association and funded through a grant provide through the Bureau of Justice Assistance from the Department of Justice has developed a Neighborhood Watch Curriculum and Toolkit.

"The Neighborhood Watch-USAonWatch Toolkit with its two-pronged approach to training for citizens and law enforcement officers sets the standard for public/private police partnerships" said Olmstead County Sheriff Steve Borchardt, co-chair of the NSA's Neighborhood Watch Advisory Committee. "It is the most comprehensive package of user-friendly, Neighborhood Watch materials I have ever seen," echoed co-chair Chief Andrew Scott, of the Boca Raton Police Department, after seeing a preview of the Neighborhood Watch Curriculum and Toolkit at a Focus Group held in January.

The toolkit contains over 70 items to assist law enforcers, Neighborhood Watch leaders and their

community volunteers. Comprised of self-paced learning curriculums and workbooks for law enforcement officials, specialized training programs for Area Coordinators and Block Captains, and community based training that is supplemented by numerous action oriented Neighborhood Watch tools this toolkit will move Neighborhood Watch to the next level in securing our communities and protecting our homeland.

The Neighborhood Watch training provides specialized, skill-building instruction to law enforcement who are assigned to work with local Neighborhood Watch programs. This instruction will compliment and enhance their knowledge and skills of working with individual citizens and organized community groups. It is targeted not only for the officer with Watch Group experience but also for law enforcement that has never worked with the community.

One of the most important elements of the training will be to provide instruction to maximize the utilization of the Neighborhood Watch-USAonWatch Toolkit and its component templates, tools, curriculums and citizen presentations. Each law enforcement agency that attends the training will receive a Neighborhood Watch-USAonWatch Toolkit, including a complete set of instructional materials for law enforcement officials and community members.

The Neighborhood Watch training is designed to: Provide law enforcement officers and citizens with pre-designed instructional presentations to increase their knowledge and skills

Enhance community safety through the utilization of NW Toolkit components  
Provide specific instruction in the areas of volunteer management, strategic planning, partnerships, meeting management, improving observation skills, reporting suspicious activities and target hardening for home safety.

The Neighborhood Watch-USAonWatch Toolkit contains 70 distinct items including:  
Eight self-paced law enforcement skill building presentations with participant books  
Eight community PowerPoint presentations with facilitator manuals five posters

Over a dozen user-friendly tools an assortment of templates, handouts and various informational and instructional materials

The Neighborhood Watch-USAonWatch Toolkit was designed based on suggestions provided by the Advisory Committee at the NSA's Annual Conference in



June and a series of conference calls. In January a Focus Group meeting was held to refine ideas into reality. After the Focus Group meeting Evelyn Cahalen, a Commander with the Montgomery County Police Department said, "she would like to see all of her officers receive some portion of the training and believed that the user-friendly tools will not only empower her citizens but actually help reduce crime." Sheriff David Goad from Allegany County, Maryland was pleased that the NW Toolkit would provide professional training for small or rural agencies that may not have unlimited training resources.

In the next year, the National Sheriffs' Association will produce and host a series of thirty regional training sessions, fifteen Neighborhood Watch and fifteen Terrorism Awareness and Prevention (TAP) programs. At each one of these events law enforcement officials and community leaders will receive training and toolkits that will educate and empower them to mobilize their local groups. The Neighborhood Watch-USAonWatch Program will be working on pilot trainings after the Midwinter Conference, with the goal of launching the national roll out at NSA's Annual Conference in June.

Additionally, in 2005, NSA will continue to expand and update its USAonWatch website where visitors are provided with free crime prevention materials and a wealth of information on establishing and implementing successful Neighborhood Watch programs. This website which has recorded nearly



25 million hits since its inception in January 2002, received over 12 million inquiries just last year alone.

For more information on the new Neighborhood Watch training, Toolkit, and TAP Programs stay tuned to Sheriffs' Magazine and [www.usaonwatch.org](http://www.usaonwatch.org).

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS AWARD**

The IACP and Science Applications International Corporation are sponsoring an annual award to recognize excellence in leadership through the implementation of an effective, high quality volunteer program that successfully integrates volunteers into overall organizational operations and administration and to institutionalize the theories and practices of the Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) Program. The application must be postmarked no later than May 1, 2005.

The IACP Police Administration Committee will evaluate each application and select up to three winners. The award presentation will be made at the IACP Annual Conference in Miami, Florida. For more information, contact Carolyn Cockroft at [cockroft@theiacp.org](mailto:cockroft@theiacp.org)

Application guidance and award application [http://www.policevolunteers.org/files/VIPS\\_Award%20App%202005.pdf](http://www.policevolunteers.org/files/VIPS_Award%20App%202005.pdf)

Outstanding Achievement in Law Enforcement Volunteer Programs Award  
<http://www.theiacp.org/awards/volunteerprogram/>

## **MICHIGAN FIRECORPS – GROWING**

The following listed fire departments are the first in Michigan to register on the National FireCorps website. They are to be congratulated and welcomed to the Michigan Citizen Corps family.

### **MEMPHIS FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The Memphis FireCorps program assists the Memphis Volunteer Fire Department in achieving specific goals. Some examples of these goals are grant writing, community fire prevention, fundraising

and provide support functions where needed throughout the department in a non-emergency role.

Contact: Tim Franz, Phone: 810-392-2185, Fax: 810-392-3625, [tfranz@memphis-fire.com](mailto:tfranz@memphis-fire.com)  
Fire Department Website: <http://www.memphis-fire.com>

### **SAGINAW TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Saginaw Township Fire Department recognizes the value and experience that is available through its high seniority members. Rather than permanently losing, through retirement, the potential services of these members, who may wish to maintain a limited but contributing role with the Department, the Department Support Team (DST) concept has been developed.

Contact: Richard Powell, Phone: 989.792.9691, [rpowell@stfd.com](mailto:rpowell@stfd.com)  
Fire Department Website: <http://www.stfd.com>

### **EDENVILLE TOWNSHIP FIRE/RESCUE**

Contact Richard Ripke, 989-233-1396, [rlripke@delta.edu](mailto:rlripke@delta.edu)

### **PELLSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The Pellston Fire Department has had, for a long time, members who are non-operational members of the fire department. We have a person who attends to our base radio at the fire station in a dispatcher position, a retired fire service training coordinator / firefighter who handles our hazmat information for Right To Know issues. We also have a retired FAA / CAP officer who assists us in Search & Rescue coordination activities. We have a retired Chaplain who helps on our department in our times of need. We also have an auxiliary, which fundraises to help our department in many ways including planning family gatherings for fire department members.

Contact Randolph L. Bricker Sr, 231-539-8411, Fax: 231-539-8391, [plnarff@racc2000.com](mailto:plnarff@racc2000.com)

### **WALKERSVILLE AREA FIRE & RESCUE**

Contact: Jerry Frick, 231 873 2317, Fax: 231 873 7088, [wfd@oceana.net](mailto:wfd@oceana.net)



## RESOURCES:

### **CERT RESOURCE (Guide for programs)**

[http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/CERT/new\\_CERT/index.htm](http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/CERT/new_CERT/index.htm)

### **Take The CERT CHALLENGE!**

<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/CERT/certchallenge/instruction.htm>

### **CERT Resources**

[http://www.michigan.gov/mcsc/0,1607,7-137-6116\\_23782-103091--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mcsc/0,1607,7-137-6116_23782-103091--,00.html)

### **CERT: FAQ**

<http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/CERT/certfaq.asp>

### **Are You Ready?**

[www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)

### **FEMA Preparation and Prevention Virtual Library**

<http://www.fema.gov/library/prepandprev.shtm>

### **Building A Disaster Resistant Neighborhood**

<http://www.tallytown.com/redcross/drn.html>

### **CDC Emergency Training and Response**

<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/training>

### **American Red Cross Community Disaster Materials**

<http://www.redcross.org/pubs/dspubs/cde.html>

### **CITIZEN CORPS**

[www.citizencorps.gov](http://www.citizencorps.gov)

### **Michigan Citizen Corps**

[www.michigan.gov/mcsc](http://www.michigan.gov/mcsc)

### **CERT**

<http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/CERT>

### **Fire Corps**

[www.firecorps.org](http://www.firecorps.org)

### **MRC**

[www.medicalreservecorps.gov](http://www.medicalreservecorps.gov)

### **Neighborhood Watch**

<http://www.usaonwatch.org>

### **VIPS**

[www.volunteersinpoliceservice.org](http://www.volunteersinpoliceservice.org)

For more information about Michigan Citizen Corps, contact the Program Director, Gary Zulinski at (517) 241-3867 or [zulinskig@michigan.gov](mailto:zulinskig@michigan.gov).

## **WE ALL HAVE A ROLE IN HOMETOWN SECURITY**

Citizen Corps asks you to embrace the personal responsibility to be prepared; to get training in first aid and emergency skills; and to volunteer to support local emergency responders, disaster relief, and community safety